

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EEC, EAGR, ETRD, GATT, FJ

SUBJECT: EC/ACP TRADE MEETING: THE VEGETABLE OIL ISSUE

REF (A) SUVA 832, (B) EC BRUSSELS 7184, (C) EC BRUSSELS

6746 (NOTAL), (D) EC BRUSSELS 7413 (NOTAL)

1. REF A STATES THAT FIJI PRIME MINISTER RATU SIR KAMISESE K. T. MARA HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE ACP GROUP. REF B REPORTS THE EC/ACP COUNCIL DECISION TO HOLD A FALL MEETING OF THE EC/ACP COUNCIL CHAIRMEN TO DISCUSS TRADE ISSUES. ACCORDING TO OUR SOMEWHAT OUT-DATED STATISTICS, FIJI HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL PRODUCER OF COPRA. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SHE HAS NOW EXPANDED INTO PALM OIL. HOWEVER, IT MAY WELL BE WORTH WASHINGTON'S INVESTIGATING THIS POINT IN THE HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI CAN BE PERSUADED TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN RAISING THE ISSUE IN THE FALL MEETING AND IN TRYING TO BLOCK AN EC TAX ON VEGETABLE/MARINE OILS. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO SUVA ON HOW SUVA MIGHT START BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

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2. WE ARE REPEATING REFS C AND D TO SUVA.HINTON

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